

6 FAM 1930

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

6 FAM 1931 DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

6 FAM 1931.1 Use

(TL:GS-1121; 2-16-89)
(State Only)

a. Department vehicles are available to all employees of the Department of State for use on official business. Preference will be given to deputy assistant secretaries, or their equivalents, and above. The Department's vehicles are a required first source for local transportation with the exception of those facilities serviced by Government-furnished shuttle buses.

b. Other means of transportation should only be utilized when Department vehicles are unavailable, the trip is less than 6 blocks or more than 25 miles, or the use of commercial or private transportation proves to be more cost effective. Trips of 25 miles or more must be approved by FMSS/GS/FMO. The use of taxicabs and other special conveyances is described in 6 FAM 1933.1 .

c. The U.S. Mission to the United Nations shall observe the provisions herein unless otherwise specified in these regulations.

6 FAM 1931.2 Restrictions on the Use of Government Vehicles

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(State Only)

a. Title 31 of the United States Code, Section 1344 (a) prohibits the use of a Government-owned or -leased vehicle for other than official purposes. "Official purposes" specifically excludes transportation of officers or employees between their domiciles (places of residence) and place of employment, or any other place of business. The law further provides severe penalties, including summary dismissal, for non-official use of Government vehicles. These penalties apply both to the officer or to the employee so misusing a Government vehicle, and to the officers or to the employees authorizing or approving such misuse.

b. The following officials are exempted from this provision:

(1) The Secretary of State;

- (2) The Deputy Secretary of State;
- (3) The U.S. Representative to the United Nations; and
- (4) The Chief of Protocol.

6 FAM 1931.3 Requests for Vehicles

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a. Vehicles shall be requested through executive or administrative offices. Requests shall be made by telephone to the chief dispatcher between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The telephone extension for requesting this service is listed under "Motor Pool Cars & Trucks" in the Directory of Services of the State Department Telephone Directory. Requests must include the name and title of the person by whom the vehicle will be used, the vehicle pick-up point, and vehicle destination. Due to heavy demands on the limited number of vehicles available, it is necessary to combine requests for vehicles in the same general direction at approximately the same time.

b. Calls shall therefore be placed as far in advance as possible, and officials shall be at the waiting point for a vehicle at the time designated in order to avoid inconvenience to others who may have been scheduled for the same vehicle. The waiting period on short trips will not exceed ten minutes on times of departure or returns. Drivers are not permitted to wait at a destination without clearance by the dispatcher.

6 FAM 1932 SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

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Schedules of regular shuttle bus service are posted in the D Street Lobby. Changes to shuttle bus service will be published by Department notice. All scheduled buses pick up and deliver passengers at the D Street entrance. Questions regarding shuttle bus service should be directed to the General Services Division. The establishment of new shuttle bus routes must be approved by FMSS/GS/FMO.

6 FAM 1933 TAXICABS AND PRIVATELY-OWNED AUTOMOBILES

6 FAM 1933.1 Use

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(State Only)

a. When a Department car or other means of transportation approved by the Chief of the Domestic Fleet Management and Operations Branch (FMO) is not available or will not meet the need, an employee on official business may hire a taxicab or other special conveyance, or use a privately-owned automobile for transportation at employee's official duty station. Also, an employee may hire a taxicab for travel between office and home when the employee is dependent on public transportation for such travel incident to officially ordered work outside of employee's regular work hours, and travel is during hours of infrequently scheduled public transportation or darkness.

b. In addition, privately-owned automobiles may be used for official business by an employee whose duty requires frequent travel within a 50-mile radius of official duty station, and when such use has been approved by the employee's immediate supervisor.

6 FAM 1933.2 Reimbursement

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(State Only)

a. Reimbursement for expenses incurred for the use of taxicabs, other special conveyances, and privately-owned automobiles shall be claimed as stated below. Claims may be filed as frequently as necessary, but preferably not more often than once a month.

b. Reimbursement for taxicab expenses may be obtained by filing a claim on Form SF-1164, Claim for Reimbursement for Expenditures on Official Business (original and one copy). If expenses have been incurred in two fiscal years, a separate SF-1164 shall be used for each fiscal year. As trips are made, the employee shall enter on the form the date, point of origin, destination (buildings, offices, or street addresses), cost of fare, and tip for each trip, as provided on the form. Claims for the use of taxicabs between office and home under the conditions specified in 6 FAM 1933.1 must include a narrative justification on the face of the SF-1164 supporting the official necessity for the expenditure involved. When fares exceed charges for one person, the number of persons accompanying the claimant shall be listed on the SF-1164 "From" column on the line directly below the applicable entry. The certification that the claim is correct shall be signed by

the claimant, and the statement that the travel was advantageous to the Government shall be signed by the approving officer.

c. Reimbursement for tips to taxi drivers is allowable in the following amount: 15 cents when the fare is \$1.00 or less, or 15 percent of the reimbursable fare when it exceeds \$1.00. If the 15 percent is not a multiple of 5 it may be increased to the next multiple of 5.

d. Reimbursement for the use of a privately-owned automobile is authorized for the distance traveled at the rate of 22.5 cents per mile. The points of travel shall be given, and the speedometer readings at the beginning and end of each trip shall be shown. Reimbursement should be claimed on Form SF-1164.

e. Reimbursement for the cost of automobile parking fees, ferry fares, and bridge, road, and tunnel tolls is also allowable unless administratively restricted. When an employee has been provided authorization to use the employee's privately-owned vehicle for official business and the employee pays for parking at own duty station on a monthly basis, the employee may be reimbursed for those days on which employee's automobile was used for travel, **provided** it is administratively determined that the use of rented parking space is necessary because of official business and is advantageous to the Government.

f. Reimbursement for expenses incurred for the use of special conveyances other than taxicabs shall be claimed on Form SF-1164.

6 FAM 1933.3 Administrative Approval

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Before reimbursement is made, claims authorized by 6 FAM 1933.1 shall be administratively approved on Form SF-1164 by the office director, deputy office director, executive officer, budget officer, division chief, administrative officer, or other person designated in writing by one of them, except that claims for taxicabs used between office and home under the conditions set forth in 6 FAM 1933.1 must be approved at a level not lower than administrative officer. A copy of such designation shall be forwarded to M/COMP/FO/FD.

6 FAM 1934 AGENCY REPORT OF MOTOR VEHICLE DATA

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(State Only)

An annual motor vehicle inventory report (submitted on Form SF-82, Agency Report of Motor Vehicle Data) is required by the General Services Administration (GSA) by December 15. The General Services Division coordinates this information with A/EX for consolidation and submission to GSA.

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